

## CHAPTER 1

### SECTION 2.4

## OFFICE VISITS WITH SURGERY

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#### I. PROCEDURE CODE RANGE

**99201 - 99215**

#### II. DESCRIPTION

Surgery performed at the time of an office visit.

#### III. POLICY

A. When a surgical procedure is performed at the time of an initial (new patient) office visit, both the office visit and the surgical procedure are covered.

B. When a surgical procedure is performed at the time of an office visit for a new diagnosis for an established patient, both the office visit and the surgical procedure are covered.

C. When a surgical procedure is performed at the time of a follow-up (established patient) visit for the same diagnosis, and the surgical procedure constitutes the major service at that visit, the office visit charge is not separately reimbursable and should be denied. The fee for the office visit is considered to be included in the global charge for the surgical procedure(s).

D. Procedure codes 99024 and 99025 are not reimbursed separately as payments for these services are included in the payment for other services.

#### IV. EXCEPTION

Use of modifier 25 refer to Chapter 1, Section 2.5.

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